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Classroom Trailers to be Stocked With Hurricane Relief Supplies

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - PTA leaders are calling on students, parents and the greater Falls Church community to send a giant, community care package to hurricane victims in Louisiana. It's all part of a drive to collect personal hygiene products to send to hundreds of families displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

The PTA drive comes on the heels of the Falls Church City School Board's decision to donate two surplus classroom trailers to the West Baton Rouge Parish Public Schools where more than 500 displaced hurricane victims have enrolled. The plan is to fill the trailers with donated personal care items before they are transported to Louisiana at the end of next week.

"We're told that other donors have already taken care of the need for school supplies," said Falls Church City Public Schools Superintendent Lois Berlin. "West Baton Rouge school administrators say the greatest and ongoing need for displaced hurricane victims is personal care items."

Suggested items include:

Shampoo	Shaving Cream	Feminine Hygiene
Soap	Razors	Products
Toothbrushes	Brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Combs	Depends
Dental Floss	Hair oil	Toilet paper
Lotion	Personal wipes (travel	New undergarments – all
Q-tips	size)	sizes, all genders
Deodorant		

Donated items may be dropped off at any of the Falls Church City Public Schools, at the Falls Church City Public Schools Central Office located at 803 W. Broad St., or at Giant Food located at the intersection of Haycock Road and Leesburg Pike in Falls Church.

Because the need for personal care items for hurricane victims is long-term, the drive will continue indefinitely, although the first shipment is expected to roll out with the classroom trailers by Sept.30, 2005.

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